

Ruth is a Life Member of B'nai Brith and has received awards from many organizations, including the Jewish Federation Women's Campaign. The Jewish Federation selected her as "Lay Leader of the Year".

In addition to her community work, Ruth Hyman worked for four decades on her own clothing business. The quality of her merchandise and her concern for each of her customers helped her gain a loyal base of customers, many of whom became her close friends.

Ruth Hyman has demonstrated dedication to our community. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in recognition of her work.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALICIA
DENIHAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding young woman, Miss Alicia Denihan, on her graduation from Valley Forge High School in Parma, Ohio.

Her graduation is an achievement that took tremendous strength and determination. In December 1995, while walking home from a friend's house, Alicia was struck by a drunk driver, leaving her with multiple and critical injuries. She was in critical condition for days and suffered severe head trauma and injuries which included a broken hip, cheekbone and lacerated liver. Once involved in numerous athletic activities such as ballet, karate, ice skating, gymnastics and volleyball, Alicia lay comatose for two months.

Initially her prognosis was not promising. Doctors did not expect she would ever wake up, walk, talk, read or write. However, Miss Denihan far exceeded those expectations. After months of hard work in speech and physical therapy Alicia was able to return to school by April of 1996. This miracle young person used only a walker as an aid.

As a result of Alicia's courage and the support of her family members, teachers, doctors, and therapists, Alicia will attend her high school graduation ceremony on June 8. She plans to attend Cuyahoga Community college where she will major in creative marketing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in congratulating this remarkable young woman on her accomplishments. I wish her continued success in her recovery and future endeavors.

THE NEED FOR EARLY DETECTION
OF PROSTATE CANCER

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of discussion about the benefits versus risks of the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test in the early detection of prostate cancer. Some have opposed regular PSA testing for the general male population that falls outside of any high-risk category because they argue it will find many slow-growing cancers that

should not be treated. They say this is because the risk of serious side effects such as impotency or decrease in urinary function that may result from treatment is greater than the risk of dying of the cancer if it is slow-growing.

I recently raised this question with a good friend of mine, Arnold Palmer, who has been an advocate of increased education and awareness of the issue of prostate cancer due to his own personal experience. I would not that he strongly believes the early detection of prostate cancer due to a PSA test saved his life.

I would like to share with you his as well as his doctor's response to the question of whether to promote regular PSA testing. Their response supports what I have argued in promoting Medicare coverage of regular PSA testing: because it detects cancer early, it saves lives. I think that has to be the bottom line.

YOUNGSTOWN, PA,

May 11, 1999.

Hon. JOHN P. MURTHA,

House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MURTHA: I have just heard back from my medical specialists in the prostate cancer field at the Mayo Clinic with a response to your inquiry generated by the recent article in the New York Times on the subject of PSA testing.

Dr. Robert Myers, the surgeon who performed my prostatectomy, has given me his opinion, which was relayed to me by his associate, Dr. Ian Hay, with whom I have been in frequent contact over the last two years and who has been out of the country; hence the delay in this response to you. Let me quote directly from Dr. Myers' comments:

"Any prostate cancer no matter how small it is can be lethal if left long enough. There is no way to predict which ones will be life threatening in individual patients, especially younger men. Cure is certain in those patients who have cancer truly confined to the prostate and it is removed surgically. The smaller the cancer the better in terms of successful surgery.

"The PSA test allows discovery of the smallest cancers years before they can be detected any other way. Thus, it stands to reason that if PSA is detecting more small cancers and they are removed surgically, the death rate from prostate cancer will fall. This is exactly what is being recorded in the last few years. The surgery needs to be performed by surgeons who are highly skilled in removing the prostate without affecting either urinary control or sexual function.

"The best long-term survivals (more than 10 years) from prostate cancer death are associated with surgery as a solution to treating this cancer."

Jack, I hope that this provides you with the sort of expert opinion on this very important matter that you wished. I think that it is very succinct and to the point. It encourages me to continue to publicly urge men to submit to PSA testing on a regular basis as I have been doing since my surgery more than two years ago.

I trust that your Congressional duties are permitting you time to play some golf. I send you my best personal regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD PALMER.

HONORING THE COLORADO CLASS
3A STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS—LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartiest congratulations to the Lamar High School boys baseball team on their impressive Class 3A state-championship. The 10-2 victory over Eaton School was a superb contest between two talented and deserving teams. In championship competition, though, one team must emerge victorious, and Lamar proved themselves the best in their class—truly second to none.

The Class A state-championship is the highest achievement in high school baseball. This coveted trophy symbolizes more than just the team and its coach, as it also represents the staunch support of the players' families, fellow students, school personnel and the community. From now on, these people can point to the 1999 boys baseball team with pride, and know they were part of a remarkable athletic endeavor. Indeed, visitors to this town and school will see a sign proclaiming the Class 3A champions, and know something special had taken place there.

The Lamar baseball squad is a testament to the old adage that the team wins games, not individuals. The combined talents of these players coalesced into a dynamic and dominant baseball force. Each team member also deserves to be proud of her own role. These individuals are the kind of people who lead by example and serve as role-models. With the increasing popularity of sports among young people, local athletes are heroes to the youth in their home towns. I admire the discipline and dedication these high schoolers have shown in successfully pursuing their dream.

The memories of this storied year will last a lifetime. I encourage all involved, but especially the Lamar players, to build on this experience by dreaming bigger dreams and achieving greater successes. I offer my best wishes to this team as they move forward from their Class 3A state-championship to future endeavors.

THANKS TO "FRAU" JANE EMPEY-
THEEP

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to share with my colleagues my appreciation for the dedicated service of Ms. Jane Empey-Theep. On June 8th, her family, friends and colleagues are gathering in Milwaukee to celebrate her career and wish "Frau" Empey-Theep well as she retires as Principal of the Milwaukee German Immersion School.

Milwaukee German Immersion School (MGIS) is one of several schools in the Milwaukee Public Schools system offering total language immersion programs that attract children from all over the city. Its success directly reflects the determination and ingenuity of Principal Jane Empey-Theep.